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We are indebted to Dr. Abbott for a thorough reinvestigation of all the problems which surround these epistles, and welcome his confirmation of the conservative views of the epistles which are now again becoming established. C. W. V.

The Early Life of Our Lord. By J. BROUGH, Chaplain to the Forces. New York: E. T. Dutton & Co., 1897. Pp. 7+261. $1.75.

The writer of this volume has done students of the New Testament no inconsiderable service. We have had books in some number dealing with the same matter, like that of Stapfer, *Jesus Christ before his Ministry*, to say nothing of homiletical books handling the same subject. None of these, however, has been quite so serviceable as the present. Of course, all books treating of the early life of Jesus are exposed to the danger of reading into his life customs and events from earlier or later times, and the present author has not altogether escaped criticism on this score, but on the whole the volume is well done. The writer's knowledge of Jewish customs is considerable, and he has fallen neither into the error of thinking that the course of the life of Jesus was altogether conventional, nor into that of assuming that it was altogether miraculous. We commend this book to those who wish a knowledge of the probable life of Jesus during his boyhood.

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Einführung in das Griechische Neue Testament. Von EBERHARD NESTLE. Mit 8 Handschriften-Tafeln. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht. Pp. 129, 8vo. M. 3.40.

Professor Nestle's little book, which professes to be a guide (*Einführung*) rather than an introduction (*Einleitung*), relates only to textual criticism. It consists of three chapters: (1) "The History of the Printed Text of the Greek Testament;" (2) "The Materials of New Testament Criticism:" (*a*) manuscripts, (*b*) versions, (*c*) citations; (3) "The Theory and Practice of New Testament Criticism." An appendix is added containing bibliographical hints and a few additional remarks.

The execution, as need hardly be said, is excellent. A very large amount of accurately stated information has been compressed into a small space without any noticeable loss of clearness or interest. Only those who have tried to condense matter of this kind can fully appre-